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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US OF BRAZILIAN ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIAL

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1. CARLOS CELSO DO AMARAL E SILVA PLANS TO VISIT DEAN ERNEST GLOYNA AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS FEBRUARY 12-18. HE THEN VISITS WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 10-21 AND EAGERLY ACCEPTS EPA INVITATION.

2. CELSO WISHES TO DISCUSS EPA/SECRETARIO ESPECIAL DO MEIO AMBIENTE (SEMA) LINKAGES AND UPCOMING SEMA WEEKLONG CONFERENCE PLANNED BETWEEN LATE MARCH--EARLY MAY WHICH WILL UNDERTAKE TO ESTABLISH GUIDELES FOR CRITERIA AND NATIONAL MEASUREMENTS FOR THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT. CONFERENCE WILL FURNISH SEMA WITH INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE A NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CODE. SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS WILL PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING TWO ALREADY INVITED FROM THE US. TRAVEL AND PERDIEM TO BE PROVIDED BY SEMA ASSISTED BY GRANTS FROM UNDP AND WHO.

3. DESLING SUGGESTED NAMES OF TWO ADDITIONAL AMERICANS HE FELT WOULD MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE. SEMA ALSO WANTS VERY MUCH TO HAVE DEWLING ATTEND AS THEY FEEL HE HAS THE EXPERIENCE AND GRASP OF WHAT THEY ARE

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TRYING TO DO. EPA HOPEFULLY WILL BE ABLE TO FUND

ADDITIONAL EXPERTS. CELSO WILL EXPLORE THIS. IF NOT, PERHAPS INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS AND PERDIEM MIGHT BE FURNISHED BY AID UNDER PROGRAMMING OF THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN KEEPING WITH THRUST OF AID AIRGRAM 731. WE HAVE ADVISED CELSO TO CONTACT AID WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

4.BRAZIL IS PROGRESSING STEADILY TOWARD ENVIRONMENTAL POSITIONS WHICH APPEAR SYMPATHETIC IF NOT AKIN TO U.S. EFFORTS. ACTIVE SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH NOMINAL, AT THIS STAGE WILL CONTINUE TO PAY DIVIDENDS FOR U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES. DEWLING'S STAG VISIT IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF WORTHWHILE SUPPORT. ASSISTING MORE EXPERTS TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WOULD BE ANOTHER.
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